

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An extensible handle comprising:

a first elongated member having ~~two ends~~, a first end and a second end, the first end of said first elongated member being positioned to engage a device to be operated, wherein the first end of said the first elongated member ~~further comprising~~ has a reduced width relative to an expanded portion of the second end of said first elongated member-an expanded portion of increased width and a narrow portion of reduced width relative to the expanded portion;

the first elongated member further comprising at least one receptacle for receiving a restricting device through a side surface of the first elongated member; and

a hollow second elongated member having a first end and a second end, the second elongated member being positioned to receive the first elongated member,

wherein the restricting device retains said first elongated member in abutting contact with said second elongated member,

wherein the first end of said hollow second elongated member has a reduced width relative to the second end of said second elongated member, the second elongated member further including a rotatable restricting means having a plurality of slots, wherein, in order to prohibit movement in an axial direction, the restricting means is rotated so that the restricting device can not pass through the plurality of slots.

wherein the sizing of the second end of said first elongated portion and the first end of said second elongated member prevents the second end of said first elongated member from passing through the first end of said second elongated member.

2. (Currently Amended) The handle of claim 1 wherein the hollow second elongated member further includes a restricting means that has a width that is narrower than the width of the ~~expanded portion~~ second end of the first elongated member.
3. (Currently Amended) The handle of claim [[1]] 2 wherein the restricting means restricts the ~~expanded portion~~ second end of the first elongated member from fully passing through both ends of the second elongated member.
4. (Original) The handle of claim 1 wherein at least one of the first elongated member and the second elongated member is comprised of at least one of metal, a composite material, a resilient plastic, and wood.
5. (Original) The handle of claim 1 wherein activation of the handle by a user activates a jacking device or dolly.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Amended) The handle of claim 1 wherein the restricting device comprises a pin.
8. (Currently Amended) The handle of claim 1 wherein the ~~first~~ second elongated member further comprises at least two receptacles for receiving the restricting device.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for moving an item comprising:

a base;

a supporting ~~means~~ member positioned above the base;

an arm having two ends, the arm positioned so that one end is pivotally related to the supporting member and the other end is pivotally related to the base;

a lifting means; and

a handle comprising:

a first elongated member having ~~two ends~~, a first end and a second end, the first end of said first elongated member being positioned to be received by the apparatus, and the first end of said first elongated member has a decreased width relative to the second end of said first elongated member, the first elongated member further comprising at least one receptacle for receiving a restricting device through a side surface of the first elongated member; and

a second elongated member being hollow and positioned to receive the first elongated ~~elongate~~ member, the second elongated ~~elongate~~ member comprising a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of the second elongated member is sized relative to the second end of the first elongated member such that the second end of the first elongated member may not pass through the first end of the second elongated member ~~further including a rotatable restricting means having a plurality of slots, wherein, in order to prohibit movement in an axial direction, the restricting means is rotated so that the restricting device is not aligned with the plurality of slots.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the second elongated member further comprises a restricting means that restricts the second end ~~expanded portion~~ of the first elongated member from fully passing through the second elongated member.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein at least one of the first and the second elongated ~~member~~ members is comprised of at least one of metal, a resilient plastic, a composite material, and wood.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein activation of the handle by a user activates the lifting means, which in turn activates the arm and vertically moves the supporting ~~means~~ member.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the restricting device comprises a pin.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the ~~first~~ second elongated member further includes at least two receptacles for receiving the restricting device.

16. (Currently Amended) An extensible handle, comprising:

a first elongated member having a first end and a second end, ~~two ends~~, the first end of said first elongate member is constructed and arranged to be received into a device to be operated;

the first elongated member further comprising at least one receptacle for receiving a restricting device through a side surface of the first elongated member; and

a hollow second elongated member having a first end and a second end wherein the first end has an outer end face, the second elongated member positioned to telescopically receive the second end of the first elongated member and further including a ~~rotatable~~ means for restricting ~~having a plurality of slots and restricts~~ the first elongated member from fully passing through both ends of the second elongated member, wherein, in order to prohibit movement in an axial direction, the restricting means is configured to be retained along a surface of the outer end face in abutting contact with the restricting device;

wherein the sizing of the second end of said first elongated portion and the first end of said second elongated member prevents the second end of said first elongated member from passing through the first end of said second elongated member ~~rotated so that the restricting device is not aligned with the plurality of slots.~~

17 - 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The handle of claim 16 wherein the first elongated member further includes a means for securing the first elongated member to a device to be operated.

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20. (Previously Presented) The handle of claim 16 wherein at least one of the first elongated member and the second elongated member is comprised of at least one of metal, a resilient plastic, and wood.